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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.55)
(Regular application claiming priority of a foreign application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.55 in the name of inventors:
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For: **METHOD OF PRODUCING STERILIZED PACKED PASTA**

Priority of prior Japan Application No. 2002-295943 filed on October 9, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 1.55.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **14** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **1** Sheet of informal Drawings
- ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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Claim For Foreign Priority

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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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